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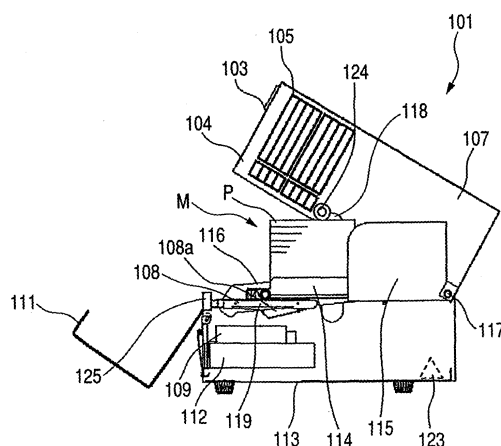
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(54) **Image forming apparatus**

(57) An image forming apparatus (101), including: a recording unit (107) configured to form an image on a recording medium conveying in a conveying direction; a main body portion configured to support the recording unit (107) in an openable and closable manner; a conveying unit (108) configured to convey, in the conveying direction, the recording medium on which an image is to be formed by the recording unit (107), the conveying unit (107) being disposed below the recording unit (107); a holder configured to contain the recording medium on which an image is to be formed by the recording unit (107), the holder being disposed upstream of the conveying unit in the conveying direction; and a raising and lowering mechanism (116) configured to raise and lower the holder between a first position for feeding the recording medium to the recording unit and a second position placed above the first position.

FIG. 7





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